

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

MAY 1, 2012

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH – MAY 2012

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is the largest public child welfare agency in the country. The mission of the Department's Adoption and Permanency Resources Division is to recruit, prepare, and support families to provide healthy, stable, loving homes to the children under its care, until they can either safely return to their birth parents or family members; or find safety and stability within an alternative forever family.

My November and December 2002 motions directed DCFS to include and encourage faith-based organizations to assist in its recruitment efforts and to promote the rewards and benefits of becoming a foster and adoptive parent for the many children under the Department's care. The faith-based community has become an excellent resource for the Department. I am encouraging the Department to continue to partner with representatives from the faith-based community in order to recruit more foster and adoptive families, particularly families who can provide a home for sibling groups, teenagers, and children with medical needs.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Declare the month of May 2012, as Foster Care Awareness Month;
2. Encourage faith-based organizations, families and others in the community to consider the benefits and rewards of recruiting and promoting foster care and adoptive homes by calling (888) 811-1121, and encouraging families and individuals to become a foster or adoptive parent;
3. Direct the Department of Human Resources to electronically post the announcement "May is Foster Care Awareness Month. Please call (888) 811-1121 to become a foster or adoptive parent" on the eHR website; and
4. Direct the Auditor-Controller to print the announcement "May is Foster Care Awareness Month. Please call (888) 811-1121 to become a foster or adoptive parent" on all County warrants at the next available printing.

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